

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M.**

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CALL TO ORDER

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...City of Riviera Beach. Tonight we have our Utility Special District Meeting. Madam Clerk, roll call, please?

ROLL CALL

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson Dawn Pardo?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Present.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Tem Davis?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Here.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Bruce Guyton?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Present.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member KaShamba Miller?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Present.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Cedrick Thomas? City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Executive Director Louis Aurigemma?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Here.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: District Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. District Attorney Pamala Ryan?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. We have a quorum, I'd like to invite everyone to stand for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge.

[Moment of silence]

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I pledge Allegiance...

ALL: To the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Additions, Deletions, Substitutions

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Ms. Jones, do we have any additions, deletions, or substitutions to the Agenda?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Madam Chair, in light of the time and in order for us to have the full thirty minutes, I'm requesting that the presentation under Item No. 3 be removed from consideration tonight. And we will either put that on a future workshop presentation or a future Utility District Meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Do we have any disclosures by the Council or Staff? Do we have a motion to accept the Agenda?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: I, I just have a question and I'm not sure if this is the point in time to ask. Are we not having public comments?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Public comments are at the end of the Agenda.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Where is it listed?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It's not listed but we will make sure.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Okay.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It will. Okay? Alright. So do we a motion to accept the Agenda?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: So move.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Madam Clerk.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Guyton?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Miller?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A BOARD MEMBER SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Consent Agenda. All matters listed under this Item are considered to be routine and action will be taken by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these Items unless a Board Member so request, in which event, the Item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda. Do we have a motion to accept consent?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: So move.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Second.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Madam Clerk.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Miller?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Guyton?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Regular Agenda, Item 4.

4. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING WORK AUTHORIZATION NO.18 FOR C SOLUTIONS INC. IN THE NOT-TO- EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$43,520 FOR PROVIDING COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN (CAD) AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) SERVICES; AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PAY THIS AMOUNT FROM ACCOUNT NO. 411-1417-536-0-3106; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Is there...

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: So move.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...a motion? Is there a second? Is there a second? Seriously. No. They're not getting it back. Okay. The motion fails. Item 5.

5. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING WORK AUTHORIZATION NO.17 FOR C SOLUTIONS INC. IN THE NOT-TO- EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$393,905 FOR PROVIDING DESIGN SERVICES FOR NEWCORE SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE DISINFECTION FACILITIES; AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PAY THIS AMOUNT FROM ACCOUNT NO. 413-1437-533-0-6559; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: A resolution of...

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Wait, wait, Madam Chair, Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Um, we're just approving work orders here. What is the problem if I may ask my colleagues? What is the problem so we can correct the problem cause we gonna have to pay these people.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I have on', a few questions. I see Items are being requested. Madam Chair.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go head.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Um, the issue I have here. One of the issues I have is, that the Item does not have, um., explain where's the money coming from? What's in that particular budget? For this Item?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Okay. I [stammer]

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. You could've...

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: I think you could've...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...had it...

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: ...asked that...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: ...from the Director and he could explain. I mean, could've given you that information.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Well, we [inaudible] discuss it last week. [Inaudible] died now, so.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well...

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Well, well...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: You can bring it back.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: ...the problem is that we have people doing work and we are, I wanna say obligated, yes we are obligated to pay them for the work they've done. So if there's some issues, um, I mean...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I see...

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: ... [inaudible].

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I see what you're saying.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah. Go head.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Attorney Ryan, if this Item's dead, is this an Item we can even discuss at this time?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: You should not discuss the Item unless you make a motion...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: To bring it back.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: ...to reconsider the Item. There should be a motion...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Can we, can we reconsider the Item at this time?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Sure.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Or do we have to wait?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: You have to do a motion at some point. If you wanna do it at the meet, this meeting...

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Motion to reconsider.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: You need to make a motion.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. There's a motion to reconsider. Is there a second?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I second for discussion.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Fine. Properly moved in second. We have two public comment cards.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Hold on, hold on. You need to vote on the motion to reconsider.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Madam Clerk.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Miller?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Guyton?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. We have two public comment cards. Mimi Kisner and Dorothy Gay.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. I'm sorry. We gotta, we wanna do this properly. Now you're reconsidering it, now there needs to be another motion to approve the Item. Cause right now you're having a discussion about an Item that's not properly on the...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So it was to bring the Item back...

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: So now it's back...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...to the table?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Correct.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: So now it's back on the..., now it's back.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Right.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So do we have a motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So move.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Second.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Thank you.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Ms. Kisner.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Very much.

MS. KISNER: Good evening, Madam Chair.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening, ma'am.

MS. KISNER: And Council and City Manager. Mimi Kisner. As you know, I've been before you many times on behalf of many residents. Um, my concern is first, um, would like to know if this, um, a real minority owned firm? Um, and does the person who is the minority, um, representing this firm, do they currently, and I use the word currently, live in Riviera Beach? Or work in Riviera Beach? And are they, um, even in this County? Those are my questions primarily because we are still saying that we are hiring from the Utility District minority firms yet there are some questions when you really review the records of the companies. And, I know that you have many times expressed the desire to hire local and minority firms to do work, yet we are not seeing that so we are very concerned. Um, I would like for those answers, um, whenever I can get 'em. As soon as possible. Thank you.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Ms. Gay.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Um, Madam Manager, is it possible for us to answer that. Is someone able to that at this time?

CITY MANAGER JONES: I don't believe we..., what we can tell you is how we'll go about finding out the information because to research whether the principal person lives or works..., we need to go and research that...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...to ensure that. We can tell you how we get the information as it relates to the minority status but whether they live or work currently in Riviera Beach, we'd have to go and research that.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Okay. Are they a minority owned firm?

CITY MANAGER JONES: They are, they designate themselves as a minority firm.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Okay.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Ms. Gay.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: For the next meeting, can you have that back to me, please?

CITY MANAGER JONES: We'll get it to you probably before [inaudible]...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...answer.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Thank you.

UNK: Are they here?

MS. GAY: Good evening.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening, ma'am.

MS. GAY: Dorothy Gay, 720 West 6th Street. I have some items of concern real quickly since I'm usually talking and I talk more than what, what I have here written. Uh, I do not approve and we're looking tonight with Utility Department with our rates, where they are is astronomical already by itself. When we look at proposing, which we always get to the point of proposing something and going along with it. With the increase... First I wanna deal with the water, the Utility Department, a rate of sixteen percent...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright, ma'am. You need to speak on this item right now. Under public comment you can make those comments about the Utility...

MS. GAY: I did...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...rates.

MS. GAY: ...do... Okay. So I'll jump back to all the policies and stating that, if that's not to be appropriate at this time speaking of the water, uh, each time I feel that the City

of Riviera Beach, the purposes as we have highlighted before which he spoke on was in reference to the hiring practices. And, in do content area with the hiring, uh, we need to, again, look at who we are hiring. The City of Riviera Beach has a, a complete record of not inclusion of us. Inclusion of African Americans of not having to do with, um, minority, I'm saying African American. I will have my other card with the comments which I'll proceed on with the other Item.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. Alright. Mr. Aurigemma.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Thank you, Ms. Pardo. Lou Aurigemma, Executive Director of the Utility District. And, just to respond to Ms. Miller's question, Mark Drummond, the President of C Solutions is in the Chambers tonight so if you want to ask him any of the questions that you propose, he is the source. I mean, we can research it but he is here tonight if you would like to ask him those specific questions. But with respect to this particular Item, the Utility District has one GIS CAD Technician and currently that person is on Family Medical Leave. We do not know when and if he'll come back because of his illness. So, we've asked our Utility District consultant, can you provide us with a GIS CAD Technician to provide some of the work? They've already been doing some part-time work on our mapping system and this is a natural progression. And I can't go out and hire another employee because this, this gentleman is on FML so I don't have that extra position. So, if approved tonight, we're asking for C Solutions to provide a GIS CAD Technician from next Monday, July 6th through the end of the fiscal year which is September 30th. And, and then hopefully, in that period of time, we'll figure out what we need to do with, this Utility District employee.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. So...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Ms. Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I wanna make one correction and this is what we're going to look... Someone mentioned whether they were a minority firm and we're checking. We believe they may be female owned firm under SBE.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: A WBE?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes. So we're checking on that.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: An SBE or a WBE?

UNK: Why don't we let him speak? Why don't we speak...

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Wait, wait, the President is here. Who's the President, Mr. Aurigemma?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Mark.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: It's a NBE.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Mr. Mark Drummond, President of C Solutions. He's right there. Would you like him to come forth?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes. Just so we can... Let's hear it from him.

MR. DRUMMOND: Hi.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Hi.

MR. DRUMMOND: Uh, we are a NB'...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Please state your name for the record.

MR. DRUMMOND: Uh, Mark Drummond, uh, President, C Solutions, Inc.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MR. DRUMMOND: Uh, we are an NBE firm. Um, dad is English, mom is Jamaican. Uh, we are a, federally and state certified African American NBE firm. Um, we have an office in Riviera Beach and we have had so on Blue Heron Boulevard since 2013. Um, and I personally just so he can get all the questions answered, uh, live in Fort Lauderdale.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: I, I've got a quick.., who runs your office here in Riviera Beach?

MR. DRUMMOND: Uh, Todd Morgan.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Wo', would you sta'.., who is Todd Morgan?

UNK: [Inaudible].

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Okay. Who would be actually doing the work?

MR. DRUMMOND: On this agenda item, Todd Morgan has been a CAD, uh, Certified Tech doing process work since, I think you started CDM back in 1984.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Okay.

UNK: '83.

MR. DRUMMOND: '83, sorry.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Okay.

MR. DRUMMOND: I stole a year from him.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: [Chuckle].

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Okay. Alrighty. Thank you. Thank you.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. So, Mr. Davis, you had questions.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Really brief. Mr. Aurigemma, question. You stated that we have someone on Family Medical Leave?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, um, is there anyone else that we have on Staff that can perform those duties? That we have currently on Staff that is able to perform or qualify?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: We, we have our Utility Engineer and our Assistant Executive Director that can do that...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: But we actually need a full-time person to do that work.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Who that again? The...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I have a Utility Engineer.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And the Assistant Utility Executive Director.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Assistant Executive Director. So...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Right. They could do it but they have other functions right now. And, if they were taken away from that, then they couldn't do their job.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: How much time would be required for this particular position? [Inaudible] I mean...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah. It, it is a full-time position. It's, it's for forty hours a week. This proposal in front of you is for forty hours a week from, if approved, from Monday, July 6th through the end of the fiscal year which would be September 30th.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: And what are the responsibilities for this position?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Basically, it's updating and keep, uh, our, uh, GIS System. The, the water and sewer infrastructure in the maps and making sure that they are where they are and it's, it's our whole mapping system.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Besides the employees that you stated before, the Exec', the Assistant Executive Director and Engineer, are there anyone else that are.., that we have on Staff that is able to perform that...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Those duties? So those the only two that we have?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. So the money that you're taking, there's a budget that you're taking it from, what budget is that?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: That is from my Utility District Operating Budget and I have a, a certain line for Consulting Engineers.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. What's the remaining balance? The current balance for that budget?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I don't have that information available at this point but, uh...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Would you...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: There is, there is money in the budget.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So there's, there's plenty of cushion?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes. Yes, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. And when does this contract expire is when the person come back of FM', Family Medical Leave?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Please let the record reflect that Councilman Thomas is on the dais.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Thi', this contract is for a 'Not to Exceed.'

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So that...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: That amount.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...if... Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So if, if this gentleman does come back sooner, then they...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I understand.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...expend the money.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I understand.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, Ms. Miller.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: I guess this is for Madam Manager. There are two different dates. I just want to clarify that. On the Agenda Item Summary it does say September 30th but within the scope it says October 2nd. So, I'm not sure which one it is supposed to be.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well it would be September 30th. That might be a, a scrivener's error because we can't, we can't spend money that's...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah. We can't budget...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...for...

CITY MANAGER JONES: ...to spend for next year.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: I know but I'm just saying...

CITY MANAGER JONES: It has to...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: ...in Exhibit A it does say that several times, July 6th through October 2nd in roman numeral I, the Background and then Task One Organizational Assistance on Page A-1 on Exhibit A.

UNK: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: We'll, we'll get that corrected in the...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...in the Exhibit.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: It, and it says it also in roman numeral three, Time of Completion.

CITY MANAGER JONES: There it.., yeah, I see it in that one and that one.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: So it is September 30th?

CITY MANAGER JONES: September 30th.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, ma'am.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Okay.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Anything else?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Let, let me just say one thing. GIS is a specialized software.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Mhmm.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Deal strictly with mapping. When I went through school it was required as a requisite for my training. This is not something that any employee can jump on. The ArcGIS, I'm not sure if... Is it Arc that you're use?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: ArcGIS?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Okay. Anybody just can't jump on that and start grabbing the data and putting the maps in and identifying where the pumps are and that is a specialize field. And that is something that is badly needed in any operation. GIS now is a field that is booming because it, it, it., not only does it have maps but it has data to support what the maps are, are presenting to you. So, it's my hope that one, we don't hold up Mr. Aurigemma and what he's trying to do. Two, we have somebody from Riviera Beach. Three, it'll be an African American working on it. I mean, at some point we have to keep our business going. And, you know, every time somebody don't think that the "right" minority is in there we, we just can't pacify everybody. So it's my hope that we move this forward so that we can keep the operation moving and we, as a community, need to understand that, you know, when we can we do hire locally and fortunately these people are local and it's an African American that's gonna be working on it. So those areas have been identified. I know people have their own agenda.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Mhmm.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: That they come up here with their agenda and whatever somebody say that they don't like they gonna oppose it. That's just politics. But, we have a business to run and we have to keep it moving so it's my hope that we do that tonight. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Hold on, I heard Ms. Davis, Mr. Davis. Go ahead, sir.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Really quick. The employee that was on FMLA, how long have they been out?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: He's been out since February.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, who's been performing the work up...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well we've...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...until this point?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...been doing just a little bit here and there but, but we're getting so far behind that we really need somebody to come in. And, and as Mr. Guyton was saying, it's not just a matter of drawing some lines on, on the computer, there are attributes, there are links where it gives you all this information.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And, and that's the input that this person needs to, to do for the GIS map.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So you, so you stating that this position needs to be, like you said before, needs to be a full-time position so someone can have the primary focus on those responsibilities. So have, who have been doing the, the job every day daily up until this point?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, we, we've been part-time between the Assistant Executive Director and the Utility Engineer. We've been as, as we find time...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So they've been rotating?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: They've been trying but, but it's not to the.., I mean, we are way behind when it comes to this. And, and we were hoping this gentleman was coming back but, you know, right now I don't know when or if he will come back.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay. I see what you're saying.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Ms. Miller.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Is it not possible to, to advertise for an intern position? Or is.., what's the most economical? Is that.., how much.., what is the pay rate for that position if you were to advertise it? The same or a little less?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, it, it would be less than, than a Consulting Engineer, yes. But, uh, again I don't have a position in my budget for... Be', because this gentleman is on FML on Family Medical Leave, I can't just go and create a position. I.., and...

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: So you're not.., you're unable to advertise as an interim because he's out on medical leave?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: That is correct.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Okay.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Anything else? Madam Clerk.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Guyton?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Miller?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: No.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approve with Board Member Miller dissenting.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Item 5.

5. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING WORK AUTHORIZATION NO.17 FOR C SOLUTIONS INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO- EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$393,905 FOR PROVIDING DESIGN SERVICES FOR NEWCORE SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE DISINFECTION FACILITIES; AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PAY THIS AMOUNT FROM ACCOUNT NO. 413-1437-533-0-6559; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: So move.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Do I have a second?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Second.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Mr. Aurigemma.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: This Item has been before you in one form or another for...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Many times.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Many times. And, in January of this year we put out an RFP for a design build of this facility. This disinfection facility. The RFP's were received. They were, uh.., we went through an evaluation and as we were going through this evaluation, the City Attorney's office reviewed our process and they said that, 'Hey guys, you're not doing it quite right. It's in accordance with Florida

statute 287.055 which is the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act . And respecting the opinion of the City Attorney, we decided well we're gonna have to start all over again because if we continued with the process, there was a possibility of the Office of the Inspector General coming in and say, 'Hey guys, you're not doing it right.' And that would mess it up. So we, we took a step back and we said, 'Okay. Let's, let's look at this, this process. Since we're back to square one. Do we still continue with the design, build process or do we go to the traditional design, bid, build process? And when in discussion with the purchasing department we looked at the schedules and believe it or not the design, build process would take a little bit longer because there's some negotiation in that process that is... We, we never know if it's gonna take more or less. So what we decided to do was to go with the design, bid, build process.

So what you have in front of you today is a, a proposal for a design contract for the Sodium Hypochlorite Facility. And with that, it is a contract with C Solutions who is our continuing consulting engineer for the Utility District. The, was, uh... When, when they..., when we advertised..., had that RFQ out back in 2013, we actually listed a number of projects that may be part of, of a design in the future. This happened to be on that list. So, at first we were gonna go with the design, build, process and they wouldn't've been a part of that but because we've had to step back and reassess our, our design and our whole project, uh, we decided that the quickest way to do this is to go through a design process and, and that's why we have this contract here before you.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, Mr. Thomas.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. So this is just for the design of our onsite chlorination?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Correct.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. Do we have the funds to actually build the, the facility?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes, sir. I have 3.8 million dollars that's been in the budget for a couple of years. That's money that's already in the "piggy bank." So that money is there. It's already been saved and so we have not expended any money from that particular account so, we're going forward.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: And I just wanna make sure that..., since this has been before us several times, you know I've been to several conferences and really wanna support the onsite, the onsite product. This is definitely for the onsite, the onsite chlorination process?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: This is for the Sodium Hypochlorite, the bleach.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Is going to be stored in this facility.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. So that means that the, the tanks that we have over there will be removed?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes. Once, once we build this facility...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: We test it and we make sure it's working with the system. We, we have to have two.., we'll be running two systems simultaneously for a short period of time.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: What's the short period of time?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Uh, probably about between thirty and sixty days.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Just to make sure that, you know, the, the water's being disinfected properly. Once we get all the bugs worked out, then we get rid of all the chlorine.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. So, I just wanna make sure, this is just for the design and then we're going to take the design and then we're going to put out an RFP for it?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Then we will put...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: For the actual construction part of it?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: We will put out a bid, a hard bid with the design as a.., which are plans and specifications. We'll get contractors to actually bid this project and the lowest qualified bidder, we will bring that back to the District Board for approval at, at some point in the future. And we're looking at right now, the timetable is approximately March of 2016.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Why's it taking so long?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: It's takes about six months to design this. Even under the design, build process you have to allocate about six months because there's not only design but there's permitting that you have to go through. So, that six month period, we've been assured that this will be completed by December 31st.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: You mean completed in terms of?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Design.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: The design.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. But why would the design take that long? You don't permit during your design phase. I mean...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: You design it then whoever's constructing it get the, the permits, correct?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Uh, what we do is we actually get with the Health Department and even the Building Department during the, uh..., we, we may bring 'em, uh, uh fifty percent and ninety percent drawings just to give 'em an idea on what's happening and they'll provide some comments so that when we go in there for the permitting, it'll be pretty clean and we'll be able to get a per'... When the contractor comes in for a permit, they'll be able to issue the contract, uh, permit.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: But, the de'.., I just wanna sure that I'm not understanding this wrong. We're authorizing C Solutions to design this particular facility?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Correct.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. They design it and then we permit it?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well it, it will be, uh..., there will be some concurrence along the way.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: It's not like you finish and then you start the permitting. There's, there's, there is some concurrence along the way.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Is that normally what, what happens when you're designing a facility?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Typically, you will deal with the permitting agencies just to give them a heads up because if you hit 'em cold, then that's just an additional amount that's before you have to.., you're able to put the, the project out to bid. You certainly don't wanna put a project out to bid and then come back and say, 'Oh, you need to do this, this, this, and this,' per the permitting agency which then

leads to change orders. And we wanna try and eliminate the change orders as, as best as possible.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. So, we're not sure if this is going to be all the amount of money that we need for the design phase is what you're saying?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: We shou', you know, I, I pretty much been assured that, you know, we, we, we've covered everything that we needed to in the design phase, the permitting phase. This will take us up to the actual building phase. 'Til just before they put a shovel in the ground. That's where this contract will take us to.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. I'm, I'm just letting my colleagues know. I'm just not kinda.., it...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Mhmm.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: If, if we're going to, to approve this now, I really don't think that it should take that long to design this to March of 2016. I just don't think so.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: He's saying 'til December, right? It would take until December.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought I heard you say March...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No. I, I...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: ...2016.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Then it would have to come back.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes. That's correct.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Inaudible].

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: We, we would...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It has to...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: It would be... The, the, the timetable is that it would be completed by the end of the year, then in January we would put it out on the street for bid.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And then it would come back to us.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And give about thirty days or so to, uh, for, for bidders, contractors to bid on it. Then we would come in, we would evaluate it and by the time we get it back to the Utility District Board with the lowest qualified bidder, it would be, I believe it's March 2, 2016. That's my target date.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. Well you added a little bit more detail in that particular statement that you just made then you did before.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: So that's why I was, that's what I was, uh, getting at. Is there any contingency built into this?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: With respect to the design?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No, sir.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. But you just said that the permitting facilities may say that you need to add something more or...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well that's already been taken into consideration as far as this goes, this contract goes.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. And we put this out for RFP or was this a hard bid or?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No, this was, uh, back in 2013 we hired a...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: No. I'm saying for the design.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah, oh, that, that's where I'm going.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. I'm sorry.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: In 2013, we hired C Solutions as out Utility District Consultant.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: It was a continuing contract. And this was one of the projects that was listed on that. And we went through the CCNA. We went through the entire process to hire.

CITY MANAGER JONES: This is to [inaudible] up on that?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Right. This is one of the work, a possible work authorization. So that's.., and this is coming back to you as a work authorization for that initial...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Understood. But I just wanna know how do we know that this is a fair price?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, rough...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Do we just take what C Solutions gave us or was there some other type of due diligence in this prices?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Right.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: It's a lot money.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah. Typically, when, when you're looking at a, at a standard design, you're looking at the, you know, anywhere from eight to ten percent of, of a construction cost. However, in this particular case, we have a lot of complications. And the complications are all the piping that needs to get from the new building back to the water plants. There, there's a lot of, a lot of detail that's required. It's not just laying a pipe in the ground and you're done but because of the, the, the disinfection of the system is very complex. So there's, there's a lot of electrical. There's a lot of piping that is, is not part of a normal building. You, you couldn't compare that to building a City Hall or an office building. This is a specific building...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: No, no, that's, that's not what I'm asking. I'm just asking, how do we know that this is a fair price? I mean, fine, whatever it takes to build it, I get it. I just wanna know did we just say, 'Okay. C Solutions, this is what we're gonna do.' And they just said, 'Hey, I'mma charge you ten percent.' Or, I mean, how do we know that those are...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: It was a fair price?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: The, the going rate for a design of a, of a standard building, is in the eight to ten percent range and this is approximately, um, I think eleven to twelve percent. So, it's a little bit more only because of the complexity and, and the other people that you have to.., sub-consultants that you have to bring in.

The, the electrical people and some of the, the process people that are brought in for that.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I want this to be done. I'm really not totally comfortable on the, on this particular price only because we just don't know if it's, if it's a great price or not and I don't want to just spend unnecessary money. This is no slight to C Solutions. I'm sure they're gonna do a great job and I'm sure they gave, gave us a fair price but would've just been more comfortable if you would've said, 'I've checked around. You know, this, this is a fair price.' Other than that, we just really don't know.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well [stammer] to, to respond to you, Mr. Thomas, there's not very many people that are building this type of facility independently. Uh, typically, when they're building, you know, they're doing their overall design of a water treatment plant, they're ha'..., they have some sort of disinfection already part of it. Whether it be chlorine or whether it be bleach.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And, and so that's kind of encompasses within the design of the water plant. Ours is a little bit different. And I, I can tell you from experience, I did the same thing when I ..., in my previous position in Coral Springs and the percentages were right about that, that same area. It was, and it was almost the same size plant but, but again this was done fifteen years ago. So.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Anything else from the Board?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, Mr. Davis.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mr. Aurigemma, this particular chemical that's stated on this treatment plant, are there, are there any environmental friendly components that are out there other than chlorine versus..., what we using chlorine?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Uh, right now we are using chlorine gas as a disinfectant.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Are you looking to change that?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No. That's what this is.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: That, that's is the purpose of...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Right.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...this. We..., the, the Board, before you were on the Board...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I, I remember that.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: But my question is, with this, are there..., was this the only alternative? That's out there? That's all I wanna know as far as ...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Um...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: ...being a little bit more environmental friendly.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, as far as environmentally friendly, this is about the best that there is.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Because, again chlorine gas in itself...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Toxic.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...is very toxic.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Right.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: This, this is basically double strength Clorox bleach. That, that's really what it boils down to.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Mhmm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: That, that's what the, the Sodium Hypochlorite is.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So this has Fluoride in it, right?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, the, the...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: He determined whether or not he's...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well, there's, there's...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...gonna put Fluoride in it.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...bleach in it but it, it's not a toxic. It comes in a liquid.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: So, it's..., I, I mean...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: So, there's no Fluoride?

CITY MANAGER JONES: [Inaudible] Fluoride.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No. There's no Fluoride.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Oh, Fluoride. Oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: No Fluoride?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No, there's no...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I just wanna make sure.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No. Fluoride...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Thank you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...is totally different. No, no. That, that's not part....

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Fluoride is a policy decision.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yeah.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah. That, that's something else. If, if we were to put Fluoride into our water system, it would have to be injected after the treatment.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Correct.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And then it's by, by certain dosage. But, but, no. We're...

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I understand.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: We're not even there.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: I just wanna... Okay.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No. Okay.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: [Inaudible] just in conversation.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anything else? Alright, Madam Clerk.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Miller?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Thomas?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Board Member Guyton?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Davis?

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pardo?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes.

DISTRICT CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Thank you. We have public comments. Bessie Brown and then Ms. Gay and then Lorita Brown.

UNK: [Inaudible].

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: No. Hold on, uh, Ms. Brown is first.

UNK: Oh, okay.

MS. B. BROWN: Good evening. Bessie Brown.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MS. B. BROWN: Uh, there was a budget workshop on Monday, June 29, 2015. Never indicated on the Agenda of a recommendation of another rate increase on the taxpayer's back that was being discussed. It was actually misleading because it says that, "Presentation and discussion of the water and waste water revenue. Sufficiency and redesign analysis conducted by the public resources management.' You may, may

as well say it's a rate increase because that, that's what you're about to recommend anyway. You know, we need to stop this, um, deceiving the public and you know, usually goin' around 'em because, as you aware, I'm gonna read. Back in 2009, the former, terminated Utilities Dire'.., District Director, placed a utilities increase over a ten year period up until the year 2019 on the backs of the taxpayers. Almost five years later, the current Utilities District Director, who does not live in this City, pays no taxes, utilizes the City vehicle and mistreat our employees and, not only that, but also disrespects certain members of the City Council. Seemingly, does not give.., I won't say that. Does not care about the residents of this City. His recommendation of utilities rate increase of sixteen percent or more over a period of time, is horrible for the taxpayers. I think that you, you, um, you as a Council, you, you, you must really sit down and, and, and understand these, these recommended increases.

The use or an assumption based on five thousand gallon per month usage when, I, and I, I didn't even understand that. I think you should do a workshop. When you do a workshop, you know, you should do the workshop, you know, put it out so that the people will know. And so that people would come and then tell that that it's a rate increase. You know, don't give 'em, you know, no funny names and, and, and words on us because it said, uh, the assumption of five thousand gallons per month use is when person household is being billed not seven thousand, nine thousand gallons a month shows there are defective meters which were disclosed years ago to some of the member sitting on the Council. Councilman Thomas spoke strongly in the beginning, vying to look into the matter but that slowly fizzled out and the others just ignored the information on the defective water meters. Those same defective meters are all over Riviera Beach.

With the implementation of a utilities rate increase, our residents will be without a vital needed resource – water, because they will not be able to pay their utilities bills. The citizens elected most of you because your platform was to lower utilities bills but you are doing just the opposite and because, not only has Staff been fiscally irresponsible, but you have allowed it to occur which makes you equally fiscally irresponsible. For years the citizens have paid Stormwater fees of \$4.50 each months and those funds were spent...

[Beep]

MS. B. BROWN: ...on a building that is sitting under utilize and on Monday evening you now want to give the CRA monies from that same Stormwater pot.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. We need to move on.

MS. B. BROWN: And Mr. Cedrick Thomas...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I'm sorry, ma'am.

MS. B. BROWN: ...wants to write off...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MS. B. BROWN: I just have one..., couple words. To write off the loans the City has made the the CRA...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MS. B. BROWN: ...over the years.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Thank you. Dorothy Gay and then Lorita Brown.

MS. GAY: Okay. Quickly. Dorothy Gay.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening again.

MS. GAY: Thank you. Uh, I do not, uh, approve. As I previously said, uh, proposing increases that steady tends to either carry the rate continuously up from sixteen effective October the 1st, 2015 through September the 30th, 2019 with a rate increase of eighteen percent. Uh, we are constantly going up. You wanna have..., you got code enforcement guys who'll get out there and say the grass is brown when we can't afford to pay it the water anything. And then you got people who gonna go out and say, 'Oh, they're not doing this or that.' And find these same people that you goin' up continuously. Do not approve it. Uh, it might, it might be vain for me saying it but I finna' say it anyway. Do not approve it.

I strongly suggest that the Stormwater, that's the other item that you have. A monthly fee increase October the 1st. I think we are continuously sitting and just going about the business of continuously putting it on the backs of the residents, whoever pays water bill in this City. Uh, that excludes ones that do not live here to pay it. Uh, whether I'm a landlord I'm..., and it usually comes back to me anyway. Whether I'm living here or not. So if we continuously buy into everything that's put forward to us, where in around us everyone is being given these million dollar contracts, we're giving, uh, continuations of, uh, your policy or whatever it being continuously, uh, going up on everything. Uh, wages for the citizen out there is really..., it's becoming, uh, just unbearable for anyone to survive. Whether we do this or not and we continuously listen to, uh, propaganda, whatever you wanna call it, uh, to increase everything going cross the board for the City of Riviera Beach when they are not buying into it but they are subjecting it to all of the community. All the citizens that are striving out there to pay anything besides the water which is utilities that continuously wants to push everything on us.

Uh, it comes down, boils down to if you..., like you say you want..., you stoo', you stoop down or you fall down for anything and you don't take a stand for what we feel the citizens out there saying. Uh, irregardless of someone saying, I have the interest of the City at heart. I definitely have the interest of the City's at heart.

[Beep]

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you. Alright. Lorita Brown, do you wish to speak or do you want me to read this into the record and give it to the Manager? What would you like?

MS. L. BROWN: Yup, you can do both.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Well.

MS. L. BROWN: Good evening.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Be my guest.

MS. L. BROWN: Lorita Brown.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Good evening.

MS. L. BROWN: I was here in April and I thought that this problem had been taken care of and it's regard to something that the City did back in, I think, uh, September of 2014. And they changed the system and they brought it back to the landlords in regards to the water bill. And that has caused a great confusion. No only when I left here in April, uh, Mr. Sher', Mr. Shannon, Randy Shannon, Sherman...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Sherman.

MS. L. BROWN: Sherman, Shannon, Sherman. Uh, Imma change his name, I'm sorry. Please I don't wanna do that. But anyway, I thought that it was done with. It was a done deal. But it has not. I have been paying on that previous bill but I'm here to tell you today that my tenant right now has been in eviction since May 11th and she's not out yet. She will not pay rent. She will not pay the water bill. And Mr. Sherman can tell you, when they turned the water off she turns the water on. She has a jump something that they use. So the City had to go out there again and I guess be instrumental and putting something else there so she definitely can't turn the water on. Now supposedly, as I stand here right now, the water is supposedly off but she's still at the premises and she refuses to leave. So, the judge is doing some type of eviction to get her out. I don't know whether she'll be out this day. She's taken the plants in the front of the yard, she's pulled them up. God knows what has happened inside. But I think we have to get together and do something about, uh, the water bill. I thought it was done deal, Mr. Sherman but it's not. And I'm still paying and, um, I don't think I could hold out much longer. Something's got to give.

So, I need your help. Please, Councilmen, consider something that you can do, not just for me, but for anyone that comes before you in this situation. And I think it's a serious one. I feel that it is. Thank you so much for listening.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Thank you, ma'am.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Madam Chair?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, Mr. Guyton.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Ma'am I'm sorry. So, what is that we, as a City, can do...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Do.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: ... better? You just said that we're been trying to assist you in assuring that your tenant does not use the water.

MS. L. BROWN: Mhmm.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: What is it that you think that we can do in addition to what we've already been doing? Going out there and trying to ensure that she doesn't use it.

MS. L. BROWN: Well first, with the, um, one from 2014, the bill was \$1,143. Well the City told me to pay \$100.00 a month until I got the bill paid.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Okay. No, no. Not to interrupt you but I mean, what is it that we can...

MS. L. BROWN: That we can do?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: That we are not doing. If you tell us that they're being evicted, we go out and turn the water off, they turn it on, we go back and try to put some.., what is it that we, the City can do more than what we are doing to...

MS. L. BROWN: I think...

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: ...to try to assist.

MS. L. BROWN: ...that the City should not have the water bill for the tenant in my name but have the water bill in their name so that you can go after the tenant rather than come after me.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Okay. We did go back to that system.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: But this was before we went back is what you're saying.

MS. L. BROWN: Yes. But apparently...

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Because we...

MS. L. BROWN: ...it's not done because of the tenant has not done anything. You know, I, I can't really force that tenant to do anything, as you can see, if they're not paying rent then they're not paying water bill either. And that is the truth.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: So if you can't force 'em, what do you think that we can do?

MS. L. BROWN: Well, on your end, just like the Clerk, the Clerk told me in the County office, she said, even though we can go back and fine them, it's gonna be a hard thing to collect. And what's gonna happen, that bill will come back on the landlord. Just like I'm paying this one, I'll have to pay that one too. Now, I was told that there was a fine of \$250.00. They haven't imposed that yet. I think they feel right now maybe they, they've done enough. They've given me enough to pay. But just suppose that didn't, I, I don't see how you could collect the \$250. We just have some mixed up, crazy people that just don't want to pay.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Yeah. And I'm trying to see if we, as a City, can do more than what we're doing.

MS. L. BROWN: Mhmm.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Because even our hands are tied legally to some degree...

MS. L. BROWN: Mhmm.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: ...as to what we can do. So, I just thought maybe you had some ideas of what more we can do.

MS. L. BROWN: Well right now even with the Police Department, when I went to give the...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah. We need to move on. You know what, we can have this discussion. I would suggest Manager...

UNK: Mhmm.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Alright.

MS. L. BROWN: We will have a meeting, a get together?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Absolutely. The City...

MS. L. BROWN: Please do.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...Manager will be contacting you.

CITY MANAGER JONES: [Inaudible].

MS. L. BROWN: Please do. Thank you.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay.

MS. L. BROWN: Very much.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright, Mr. Aurigemma, do you have anything?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: No, ma'am.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. Ms. Jones, do you have anything?

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, ma'am.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Anything from the District Board?

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Yes.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Mr. Thomas.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Uh, Mr. Aurigemma, I have received a few calls in reference to the heavy bleach odor and, you know, reference to some eyes burning from the.., you know, while they taking showers and everything. I've, I've smelt the heave odor of, of bleach myself over in our area. Is there something that's going on or is it the, the balance is off? Or what is exactly going on, the reason why we're getting that?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Mr. Thomas, has this been recent or..., because, um, last month we did a chlorine burn.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Right.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Which is where we put straight chlorine, pure chlorine into the system which elevated the levels. That, that's something that's required by the Health Department every six months. And we send out notices to everyone. So sometimes there is a, a small odor.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: How do we get this notice to them? What...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Oh, it was publicized everywhere, on the website.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It was on Channel 18.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Yeah. So it was...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. So...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: It was publicized.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I, I...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: And especially with people that have, uh...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I, I get it...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...dialysis machines...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I get it.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...et cetera.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: But if we don't, if they don't have Channel 18, how do we, how do we get it? I don't have Channel 18 at home. So, how would I get it if you were trying to, to notify me that I'm gonna have an increased odor for, for bleach?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Was it in the newspaper?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: I, I believe there's a public notice that's put in the newspapers.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: It was in the newspaper.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Can we put it on the water...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright, so...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: I mean...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...Ms. Jones can...

CITY MANAGER JONES: Let's work on...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...you come up with something...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. Hold on...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: ...for the next time.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: ...for a second. Let me just, let me...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Alright. I was just...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: ...finish.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Go head.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Is it a way that we can..., we do send water bills out of course. We do send newsletters out. Can we, can we put it in some of those things that we know that are actually getting to the homes to.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Ab', ab', absolutely. And if you have the specific addresses of, of these comp'...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Well when they, when they call me, of course, I call you but, you know you can't just go to everyone's individual home to, to make sure that...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Well it., usually if it happens it happens in a neighborhood.

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Right.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: It wouldn't be just one person that is happens...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: It was my neighborhood.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: It would probably be a neighborhood and sometimes...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: It was my neighborhood.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: ...what we do is, we flush out the fire hydrants to get some of that, that chlorine and other residuals in the water through the lines and, and make it...

BOARD MEMBER THOMAS: Okay. Well let's just do a better job at notifying them when this is gonna happen and I think that that would take care of that. That's all for me.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AURIGEMMA: Thank you.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Anyone else?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: That's the only thing I have, Madam Chair. We continuously go beyond the thirty minutes. I think, at some point, we need to continue extending these meetings.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Well that's great that you brought that up because that was going to be my comment too. And I think at the next meeting we really need to discuss having a meeting at least an hour long, perhaps starting at 4:30 because we continuously run into Council time.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Or, or, could we do it the other way? [Chuckle].

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: What, after Council meeting?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: No.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Before?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Five to six.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: And then change the Council meeting?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Can't... Madam Chair?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Or we can discuss it...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yeah.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: ...later but [inaudible]...

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: We can discuss it.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Let, let me propose a couple of options cause I, I thought about this sitting here and we may wanna either think about even another day like it's it's own separate meeting because there will be times that that hour will not be enough.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Right. There's a lot going on.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And so, let me propose something to you about a stand-alone Utility Special District Meeting.

UNK: Okay.

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Okay. Fair enough. Okay. No other business? We are adjourned. Okay, in three minutes we will be starting the City Council Meeting.

CHAIR PRO TEM DAVIS: Ms. Pardo?

BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: Yes, sir?

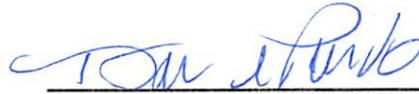
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BOARD CHAIRPERSON PARDO: I didn't see it.

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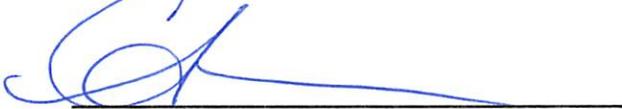
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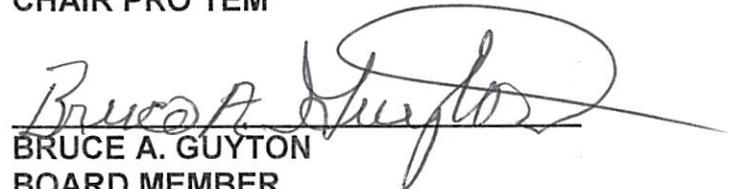
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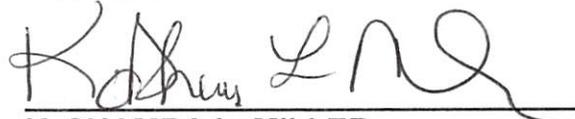
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